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HIKING

## **GRIZZLY LAKE TRAIL #1990**

**Length:** 3.6 miles one-way (5.8 km)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Beginning Elevation:** 10,560 feet (3219 m)

**Ending Elevation:** 12,520 feet (3816 m)

**USGS Map(s):** Independence Pass

**DAY/BACKPACKING OVERVIEW:** A moderate day hike through forests, meadows, and rocky crags to a beautiful high mountain lake with magnificent views of the surrounding peaks. Fishing at the lake is fair and the wildflowers when in season are plentiful. There is limited camping at the lake due to the fragile alpine tundra (stoves ONLY), so camping is recommended below timberline. **In early summer, the last mile or so is often snow covered and can be difficult to negotiate.**

**ACCESS:** Drive 11 miles east of Aspen on Highway 82 to Lincoln Creek Road. Turn right and drive 6.1 miles on Lincoln Creek Road to Grizzly Reservoir. The trailhead is on the left just after the reservoir, but before Portal Campground. Although a 4WD vehicle is not necessary, high clearance is a must.

**NARRATIVE:** The trail follows Grizzly Creek and ascends steeply for the first 1/2 of a mile through a series of switchbacks. The next 1 1/2 miles are a gradual ascent through alternating pine and fir forests and wildflower meadows. A stream crossing beyond the last meadow can easily be negotiated except during spring runoff. For the next 1 1/2 miles, the trail ascends a steep rocky shelf then winds through alpine tundra toward a long hillside traverse which ends on a knoll hiding Grizzly Lake just ahead.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** The Grizzly Lake Trail is within the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics and the following rules:

- \* **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED** out of consideration for both other people and wildlife.
- \* Limit group sizes to 15 people and a maximum combination of 25 people and stock/pack animals.
- \* **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- \* Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.

**PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your hiking trip.



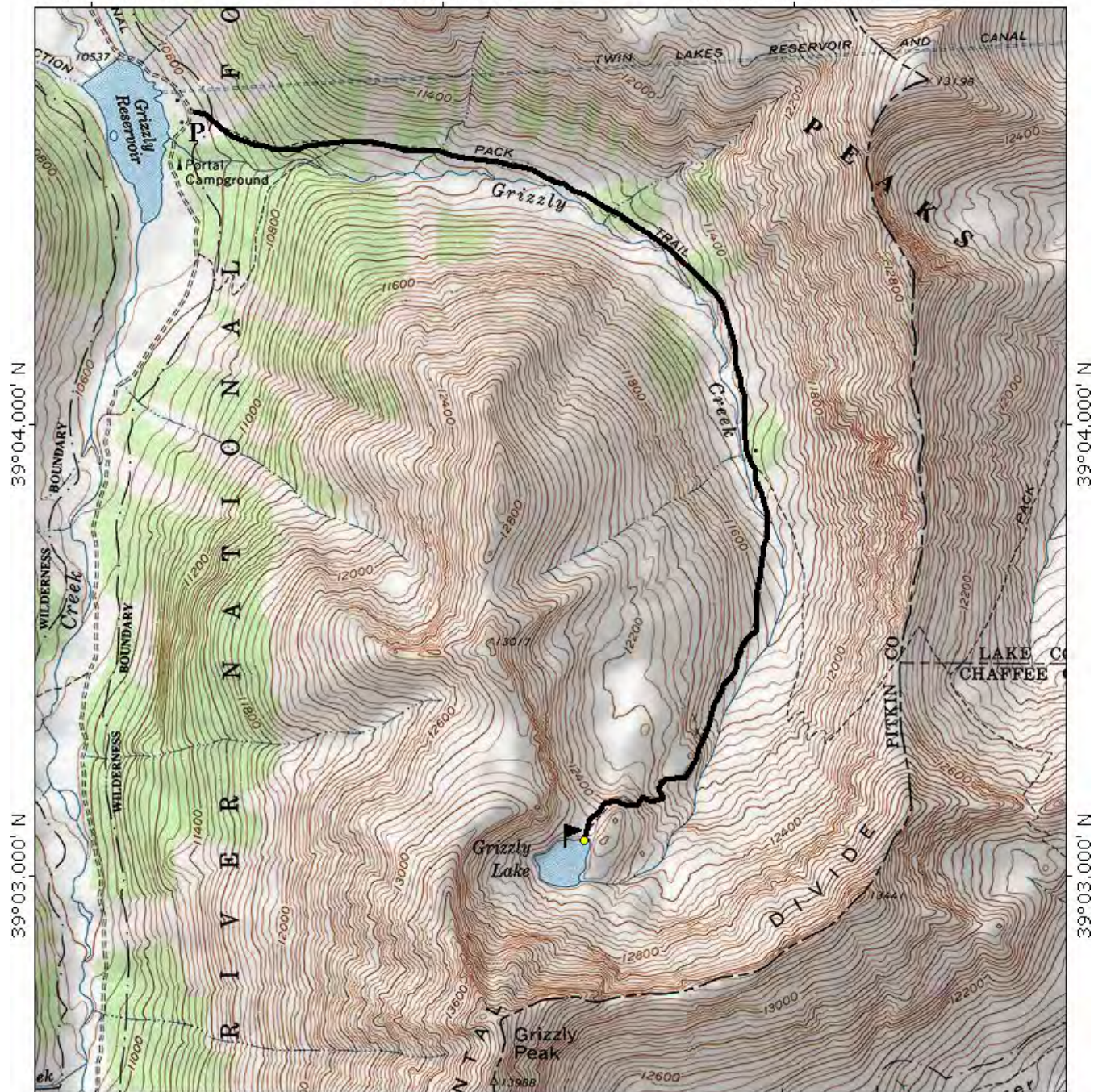
# ASPEN-SOPRIS RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

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